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**BOARD
RULE
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The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board was established for the purpose of licensing veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. The Board is the regulatory agency for the practice of veterinary medicine in Ohio and is governed by Chapter 4741 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Its mission is to insure that the citizens of Ohio are served by professional, trustworthy and competent veterinarians and veterinary technicians. It accomplishes this mission by issuing licenses, providing examinations for license, approving continuing education courses required for the license, investigating complaints involving licensed veterinarians or violations of the practice act, providing compliance inspections of veterinary facilities and establishing liaison with all Federal, State and local regulatory agencies relating to veterinary medicine.

The Rule Making Process

What Are Rules?

The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board adopts rules and regulations within the scope of the Ohio Revised Code to effectively administer Ohio laws serving the public and upholding a standard of excellence in the practice of the veterinary medicine in the state of Ohio.

How Are They Created?

The Board consistently reviews its rules (OAC 4741-1-01 to 4741-1-23) to determine if updates are necessary to adapt to changes in Ohio Revised Code. A public notice is published in a general circulation newspaper in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo. The notice states: the Board's intention to adopt, amend, or rescind the rule; the Board's reason for adopting, amending, or rescinding the rule; a

summary of the rule; the date, time, and location of the hearing; and an invitation for interested parties to appear and testify.

When Do They Become Effective?

After the public hearing, the Board determines final wording and the proposed, amended, or rescinded rule is filed with the Legislative Service Commission, the Secretary of State, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review holds a public hearing on the proposed rule before a final version is filed. Ten days after the final filing the rule becomes effective.
